

## Message Text

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R 291415Z JUL 77  
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO  
TO USDOC WASHDC  
INFO AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA  
SECSTATE WASHDC 7836

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E.O. 11652: NA  
TAGS: BEXP, BENC, EG  
SUBJ: CHLORINE/CAUSTIC SODA PLANT

REF: STATE 173170

1. ACCORDING INOTRADE, CHLORINE/CAUSTIC SODA PLANT IS TO BE BUILT FOR ALEXANDRIA OIL AND SOAP CO. OUT OF AID COMMODITY IMPORT PROGRAM (CIP) ALLOCATION (THROUGH MIN ECON) FOR EGYPTIAN GENERAL ORGANIZATION FOR INDUSTRIALIZATION (GOFI).

2. GOFI IS PART OF MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY, AND HAS TENTATIVE ALLOCATION OF \$ 32 MILLION UNDER AID LOAN 263-K-038. GOFI HAS PREVIOUSLY INDICATED INTEREST IN USING SUBSTANTIAL PORTION OF THESE FUNDS FOR SUGAR PROCESSING EQUIPMENT. WHEN ASKED ABOUT PLANS FOR CHLORINE/CAUSTIC SODA PLANT, GOFI OFFICIAL RECALLED INTEREST OF MISR CHEMICAL INDUSTRIES COMPANY IN EQUIPMENT TO PRODUCE THESE SUBSTANCES, BUT DID NOT SUGGEST GOFI HAD ANY PRESENT INTENTION TO SEEK AID FINENCING . OFFICIAL DID NOT MENTION ANY CHLORINE/CANSTIC SODA PLANT ASSOCIATED WITH ALEXANDRIA OIL AND SOAP.

3. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT SOMEONE AT GOFI IS CONSIDERING SEEKING CIP FINANCING FOR CHLORINE/CAUSTIC EQUIPMENT, AND WE WILL MAKE FURTHER INQUIRIES, BUT AS OF THIS TIME,  
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USAID CAIRO HAS RECEIVED NO REQUEST FROM GOE.

4. PROJECT OFFICE OF AID CAIRO NOT CURRENTLY INVOLVED IN ANY CHLORINE CAUSTIC SODA PROJECT.

5. INFO. ON INOTRADE BEING POUCHED CAGNE - BUTTON.  
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